

## **Joint Meeting:**

### **YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Monday, September 28, 2009**

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Joint Session with the Yadkin County Board of Education on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 6:30pm at Starmount Middle School, 2626 Longtown Road, Boonville, North Carolina. The Yadkin County Board of Education was the host for today's meeting.

Present for the meeting:

#### **Representing the Board of Commissioners**

Chairman Chad Wagoner  
Vice Chairman Kevin Austin  
Commissioner David Moxley  
Commissioner Brady Wooten

#### **Representing the Board of Education**

Chairman Frank Brown  
Vice Chairman Howard McKnight  
Rex Baity  
Hazel Brown  
Diane Hampton  
Larry Vestal

#### **Yadkin County Personnel**

Stan Kiser, County Manager  
Gina Brown, Clerk to the Board

#### **Yadkin County School Personnel**

Dr. Jim Benfield, Superintendent  
Gary McDonald, Assistant Superintendent  
Mark Rumley, Assistant Superintendent  
Donald Hawks, Director of Maintenance  
Tammy Miller, Secretary to Superintendent  
Rick Swaim, Principal of Starmount Middle School  
Gale Hill, Finance Director

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Frank Brown called the Yadkin County Board of Education to order at 7:07pm. Chairman Wagoner called the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners back in session from recess at 7:07pm.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Emily Goins, a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student in the Yadkin Early College, led the pledge.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

BOE Chairman, Frank Brown welcomed the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Brown stated that a tour of the new building would take place after the meeting. Mr. Brown expressed much pride in the new middle school facilities and the updated science wings at the high school. Mr. Brown acknowledged the educational benefits for Yadkin County students.

## **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

### **■ STARMOUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Principal, Rick Swaim gave a brief report of the atmosphere and activities in the new middle school since its opening this school year. Mr. Swaim reported that the atmosphere has been extremely positive and students from all 3 communities have meshed well. The students are enjoying the flexibility. The availability of Algebra I, Advanced Math, and modern science labs has been a great advantage. Toward the end of the school day, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs; including chorus, band, art, and others.

Traffic has not been a concern. There has not been one car at a standstill in the road since the school opened.

There is no current funding for the library. Mr. Swaim pointed out that the library book shelves are empty. Mr. Swaim reported that grants have been reviewed, but most grants do not apply to newly constructed schools. School personnel will continue to research any available monies to provide the library stock.

### **■ FORBUSH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

It was reported that construction continues on Forbush Middle School. It is projected that the project will be complete in the first weeks of October. Students will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> grading period in the new school.

### **■ LEARNING IMPROVEMENTS**

Dr. Benfield reported a K-3 Reading Initiative in Yadkin County Schools. This initiative is the result of a partnership with Appalachian State University. There is also a new K-12 Writing Initiative. An SAT preparation course is being offered in conjunction with Surry Community College. The cost is \$100, but will be reimbursed if the student attends all of the sessions. Currently, Forbush has 30 students in the class and Starmount has 20.

### **■ BUDGET**

Finance Director, Gale Hill, appeared before the group. Ms. Hill commented that Yadkin County Schools does not yet have an approved budget. There remains a \$1.8 million shortfall in State funds. Ms. Hill presented the following budget overview:

# Initial Budget Deficit versus Actual Budget Deficit for 2009-10

	Projected Budget Reductions for 2009-10 April 2009	Actual Budget Reductions for 2009-10 September 2009
State Funds	<u>\$1,825,699.28</u> \$1,825,699.28	<u>\$3,593,699.45</u> *( <u>\$1,633,985.00</u> ) \$1,869,714.45
Local Funds	\$ 672,473.00	\$ 720,370.04
Total	<u>\$2,498,172.20</u>	**\$2,590,084.49

## FEDERAL ARRA FUNDS IN THE 2009-10 BUDGET:

*STABILIZATION FUNDS (To offset wage reduction)	\$1,633,985.00
TITLE I ARRA (1/2)	\$ 319,351.00
IDEA VI-B ARRA (1/2)	\$ 603,291.50
IDEA PRE-SCHOOL ARRA (1/2)	\$ 23,733.00
EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 18,344.00
CHILD NUTRITION	\$ 19,499.00
McKINNEY VENTO ARRA	<u>\$ 5,714.00</u>
TOTAL ARRA FUNDS	\$2,623,917.50

\* \$1,633,985.00 stabilization funds "back filled" the state salary allotment for custodians and clerical personnel. All custodians and clerical personnel paid from state p/c 003 were moved to federal funds for FY 2009-10.

\*\* The existing budget was reduced an additional \$923,086.68 and that amount was allocated for the operating cost of the middle schools.

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■ OTHER ITEMS

The Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners set the following meeting schedule for 2010:

Monday, March 29, 2010 at 6:30pm..... BOC to host  
Monday, May 31, 2010 at 6:30pm.....BOE to host  
Monday, August 30, 2010 at 6:30pm..... BOC to host  
Monday, November 29, 2010 at 6:30pm.....BOE to host

Vice Chairman of the BOC, Kevin Austin gave a brief overview of his recent visit to the Success Academy. Vice Chairman Austin reported that there was a positive atmosphere and he was well pleased with the facility. BOE member, Larry Vestal had also visited recently and agreed with Vice Chairman Austin's statements.

**ADJOURN**

**Vice Chairman Austin made a motion to adjourn the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners.  
Commissioner Moxley second.**

**Vote: 4/0**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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Prepared by Clerk to the Board

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Date Approved by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners